



Prudential Communication 8 of 2024

Financial Sector Regulation Act, 2017 (Act No. 9 of 2017)

Banks Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990)

Co-operative Banks Act, 2007 (Act No. 40 of 2007)

Financial Markets Act, 2012 (Act No. 19 of 2012)

Insurance Act 18 of 2017 (Act No. 18 of 2017)

Submission management: Umoja Project Phase 2 release schedule and Phase 2 release 1 and release 2 schemas

Objective of this Prudential Communication

This Prudential Communication sets out the Prudential Authority's release schedule and schemas for release 1 and release 2 for Phase 2 of the Umoja Project.

1. Application

1.1 This Prudential Communication applies to:

- insurers,
- co-operative financial institutions (CFIs),
- co-operative banks,
- market infrastructures (MIs),
- designated financial conglomerates,
- banks and
- covered entities that fall within the scope of Joint Standard 2 of 2020: Margin Requirements for Non-centrally Cleared Over-the-Counter Derivative Transactions.¹

¹ [Joint Communication 1 of 2023 - Amendments to Joint Standard 2 of 2020 \(resbank.co.za\)](https://www.resbank.co.za)

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this Prudential Communication is to provide the financial institutions with the following information to build out the relevant transmission capabilities for submitting regulatory reporting returns via the Umoja platform²:
- Umoja Phase 2 release schedule;
 - Phase 2 - release 1 schemas;
 - Phase 2 - release 2 schemas; and
 - Umoja portal support for submitting regulatory reporting returns. This service is designed for institutions looking to proactively engage with the Umoja platform ahead of regulatory deadlines, particularly those that fall within the scope of the Joint Standard on Margin Requirements. The service will be available from 1 July 2024.
- 2.2 With respect to the Joint Standard on Margin Requirements, following the issuance of Joint Communication 5 of 2023,³ a notice will be issued informing covered entities on the form, manner and frequency of the regulatory reporting requirements and the effective date for the commencement of regulatory reporting.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 The Prudential Authority (PA) has been on a transformative journey to deliver the Umoja solution, which advances the work completed by the Institute Information Management System (IIMS). IIMS, now fully decommissioned, was implemented as an interim solution which provided a platform that allowed the PA to move closer to an integrated solution in the form of a supervisory portal (the Umoja Portal Solution) for all financial institutions regulated and supervised by the PA.
- 3.2 The aim of the Umoja Portal Solution is to achieve the following:
- systems that will assist in improving and integrating the supervision of relevant financial institutions;
 - systems and processes that will enable the PA to coordinate, collaborate and engage with relevant stakeholders; and
 - provide systems that will enable the PA to improve data, information, and analytics processes.
- 3.3 In August 2023, Phase 1 of the Umoja Portal Solution, which enabled profile management, went live. The PA is currently in the process of launching Phase 2, which advances the submission management component of the system.

² [Please refer to paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 for a detailed elaboration on the Umoja platform](#)

³ [Joint Communication 5 of 2023 - Regulatory reporting in terms of Joint Standard 2 of 2020.pdf \(resbank.co.za\)](#)

4. Umoja release schedule and schemas

- 4.1 Considering the aforementioned, the PA hereby informs all interested parties of the planned Phase 2 release schedule and the schemas to be utilised when building the necessary technology capability.⁴
- 4.2. Supervised financial institutions are required to evaluate the information contained in the appendices within this Prudential Communication, identify releases for which there are applicable impacts and, accordingly, plan their relevant organisational programmes of work to address relevant requirements. These requirements relate to the allocation of resources and implementation plans to meet the build and testing milestones.
- 4.3. In this regard, the following appendices have been affixed:

Table 1: Appendix outline

Appendix	Description
A	Umoja Phase 2 – release schedule
B	Umoja Phase 2 – release schemas

All requests for further engagement may be directed to the PA Transformation team (pa-transformation@resbank.co.za), with the relevant PA front-line division copied, where applicable. Queries related to margin requirements in Release 1 may also be directed to marginrequirements@resbank.co.za and queries.otc@fsca.co.za.

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⁴ Dry runs ahead of go-live efforts are scheduled to take place in November 2024.

Table 2: Overall release schedule

Release	Technical	Operationalisation	Production
Release 1 (November 2023 – July 2024)	November 2023 – March 2024	April 2024 – June 2024	July 2024 (regulatory submissions on Umoja)
Release 2 (April 2024 – July 2025)	April 2024 – June 2024	August 2024 – June 2025	July 2025 (tentative go-live)
Release 3 (August 2024 – July 2025)	August 2024 – October 2024	November 2024 – April 2025	July 2025 (tentative go-live)
Release 4 (January 2025 – January 2026)	January 2025 – June 2025	July 2025 – December 2025	January 2026 (tentative go live)

Notes

- **Technical:** The PA team prepares the design and build of the solution to be shared with supervised financial institutions.
- **Operationalisation:** This is the financial institutions' preparation period for production, supported by the PA. This will include trial runs and training.
- **Production:** The official go-live of the system submission process by supervised financial institutions will follow regulatory deadlines or other relevant communication, as deemed necessary. Actual dates will be communicated with supervised financial institutions in a timely manner.

Table 3: Release 1

Margin requirements	Co-operative financial institutions
Co-operative banks	Financial conglomerates

Table 4: Release 2

Revised market risk framework	Revised credit valuation adjustment framework
BA100	BA400
BA110	BA410
BA120	BA420
BA200	BA500
BA200	BA600
BA210	BA610
BA320	BA700
BA340	Market infrastructures

Table 5: Release 3

Economics and statistics returns	BA325
BA125	BA300
BA130	BA330
BA701	Mutual banks

Table 6: Release 4

Insurance returns	FC Capital
BA220	BA501

Appendix B: Umoja Phase 2 – release schemas

The final schemas for release 1 and 2 are expected to be published by 31 May and 30 June 2024, respectively, and will be made available on the following webpage:
<https://www.resbank.co.za/en/home/what-we-do/Prudentialregulation/PA-Transformation-Programme>

Similarly, the final schemas for the other releases noted in this Prudential Communication will be published on the webpage noted above. The PA will issue the relevant communication to inform all interested persons and supervised institutions of the schema publication.